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Serial No.: 09/905,041

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For: **MULTIMERIC BIOPOLYMERS AS
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SENSORS AND ACTUATORS IN
MICROSYSTEMS**

Examiner: Chunduru, Suryaprabha

Art Unit: 1637

Attorney Docket No.: 22727/04096

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TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement;
2. Preliminary Amendment; and
3. A Return Receipt Postcard.

It is believed that no further fee is required relating to the filing of this Response. If this is not the case, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any related fee to Deposit Account No. 03-0172. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-described application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A synthetic multimeric biopolymer comprising two or more monomeric units selected from the group consisting of proteins, polypeptides, nucleic acids, peptide nucleic acids, and combinations thereof;

wherein said monomeric units are the same or different and are linked to each other;

wherein at least one of said monomeric units comprises a binding region for an analyte;

wherein said multimeric biopolymer changes its three-dimensional conformation in response to binding of the analyte to said binding region, and

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